AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A receiver comprising:

a program acceptor for accepting program contents, and program information having a program identifier to identify program contents;

a display unit for displaying the program contents; ~~and~~

an input acceptor for accepting a user input; and

a viewing information recorder for recording, on a removable recording medium, viewing information having the program identifier to identify the program contents when ~~the program contents are displayed on said display unit~~ said input acceptor accepts a user input which becomes effective by a button being pushed continuously for a predetermined period of time.

2-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The receiver of Claim 5, wherein:~~

~~said input acceptor is operable to accept an input of information related to the program contents; and~~

~~when said input acceptor accepts the related information, said viewing information recorder is operable to record the viewing information on the removable recording medium.~~ A receiver comprising:

a program acceptor for accepting program contents, and program information having a program identifier to identify program contents;

a display unit for displaying the program contents;

an input acceptor for accepting a user input; and

a viewing information recorder for recording, on a removable recording medium, viewing information having the program identifier to identify the program contents when said input acceptor accepts program related information inputted by the user that matches program related information supplied from a program provider.

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8.   (Currently Amended) A viewing information recording method comprising:

accepting program contents, and program information having a program identifier to identify program contents;

displaying the program contents; ~~and~~

accepting a user input; and

recording, on a removable recording medium, viewing information having the program identifier to identify the program contents when ~~the program contents are displayed in said displaying of the program contents~~ said accepting of the user input accepts a user input which becomes effective by a button being pushed continuously for a predetermined period of time.

9-13.   (Cancelled)

14.   (Currently Amended) ~~The viewing information recording method of Claim 12, wherein:~~

~~an input of information related to the program is accepted in said accepting of the user input; and~~

~~when the related information is inputted in said accepting of the user input, the viewing information is recorded on the removable recording medium in said recording of the viewing information.~~ A viewing information recording method comprising:

accepting program contents, and program information having a program identifier to identify program contents;

displaying the program contents;

accepting a user input; and

recording, on a removable recording medium, viewing information having the program identifier to identify the program contents when said accepting of the user input accepts program related information inputted by the user that matches program related information supplied from a program provider.

15.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program recording medium on which a program is recorded to make a computer execute:

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accepting program contents, and program information having a program identifier to identify program contents;

displaying the program contents; ~~and~~

accepting a user input; and

recording, on a removable recording medium, viewing information having the program identifier to identify the program contents when ~~the program contents are displayed in said displaying of the program contents~~ said accepting of the user input accepts a user input which becomes effective by a button being pushed continuously for a predetermined period of time.

16.   (Currently Amended) ~~A removable recording medium on which viewing information is recorded by said viewing information recording method of Claim 8~~ A computer-readable program recording medium on which a program is recorded to make a computer execute:

accepting program contents, and program information having a program identifier to identify program contents;

displaying the program contents;

accepting a user input; and

recording, on a removable recording medium, viewing information having the program identifier to identify the program contents when said accepting of the user input accepts program related information inputted by the user that matches program related information supplied from a program provider.

17-35. (Cancelled)